

White River National Wildlife Refuge
White River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1935, contains over 160,000 acres of prime bottomland hardwood habitat located within the floodplain of the lower White River. For management purposes, most of the lands within the refuge have been divided into a North Unit and a South Unit which are separated by Arkansas Highway 1. A few scattered tracts which are isolated from the main body of the refuge are not depicted on the accompanying maps. Hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography are permitted on the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations as supplemented by the following special refuge regulations.

Access & Vehicle Use
The maximum speed for any land vehicle is 35 mph, unless posted otherwise. ATV's are allowed only for wildlife dependent activities (see above uses). Refuge roads on the South Unit are open to vehicular traffic March 1 through December 15. All other refuge roads are open year around. A locked gate, road closed sign, or other barrier (i.e. mounded dirt) means the road is closed to all vehicle travel but not to foot travel unless signed otherwise.

On the South Unit, ATV's may be used only on trails marked with yellow paint. All other vehicles must stay on the gravel roads.

On lands north of Cut Bluff Slough, all licensed vehicles must stay on gravel roads. On lands south of Cut Bluff Slough , all ATV's must stay on yellow marked trials. **The use of ATV's on gravel roads is prohibited anywhere on the refuge.** An ATV is defined as a vehicle with a maximum tire pressure of 15psi., and a maximum dry weight of 1,550 lbs. All other non-licensed motorized vehicles are prohibited on the refuge. Personal watercraft (jet-ski, sea-do, wet bike) are prohibited on the refuge.

Boats, other than flat-bottomed johnboats 16 feet or less in length, may not be left overnight on the refuge during the period from November 1 through February 28.

Boats, ATV's, and portable tree stands left unattended on the refuge must have the owner's name and address affixed in a conspicuous manner.

General Hunt Regulations
Hunting is prohibited in areas closed to hunting as indicated on the accompanying maps or as otherwise posted.

Beaver, nutria, coyote, and feral hogs may be taken incident to any daytime refuge hunt with weapons legal for that hunt until the daily limit of game is taken.

State bag limits apply for all hunts unless indicated otherwise in this brochure.

Youth hunters under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult not less than 21 years old and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. For small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth. Anyone born after December 31, 1968 must have proof of successfully completing a hunter education course in order to hunt on the refuge.

Weapons
Weapons not legal for taking designated game species during refuge hunts are prohibited.

For purposes of this brochure muzzleloaders are considered firearms.

Weapons must be completely unloaded when within 100 yards of a camp or a designated campground or when carried on land vehicles or boats under power.

Permits
This brochure must be in possession and signed by the following refuge users: hunters, anglers, campers, and ATV users. However, quota hunt permits are also required to participate in the first three days of the modern gun and muzzleloader hunts on the north and south units.

Flood Zone Closure Regulations
North Unit
The refuge will close to all deer hunting when the White River gauge at St. Charles reaches 23 feet as reported by the following website; <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lzk/html/whitervr.htm>. Season will reopen when the gauge reading reaches 21 feet as reported by the same website.

South Unit
The refuge will close to all deer hunting when the White River gauge at St. Charles reaches 23 feet and the tail-water gauge reading at Lock and Dam #1 reaches 145 simultaneously as reported by the following website; <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lzk/html/whitervr.htm>. Season will reopen when the gauge reading reaches 21 and 143 feet respectively as reported by same website.

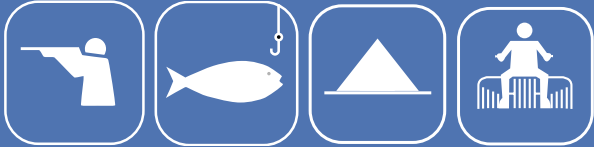
Check Stations
During the gun quota hunts, refuge staff will collect biological data at the following locations: Smokehouse Hill, South Boundary of White River Levee and the North Unit Road. Collection of this information is needed for deer management decisions.

For all deer and turkey harvested on the refuge, the hunter will immediately (prior to moving the animal) complete the hunting license kill information using **660** as zone of kill. Deer and turkey must be checked at state designated check stations. For a list of official check stations contact the AG&FC at 877/367 3559 or visit their web site at <http://www.agfc.com>

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General User Brochure 2004-2005
This brochure must be read and signed to be valid. It must be carried by all hunters, anglers, campers, and ATV users. It is not transferable.

Note: This brochure alone is not good for the quota permit gun hunt and muzzleloader hunt.

Name _____

Address _____

I have read and understand the refuge regulations.

Signature _____

Archery Deer

North Unit

October 1, 2004 - January 31, 2005.
User brochure required. Quota permit required during quota hunts. State bag limit (either sex).

North Unit

October 16-18 and November 13-15.
Quota hunt permit required in addition to user brochure. Limit one deer (either sex).

Kansas Lake Area

October 1-November 30.
No quota hunt permit required.

South Unit

October 1, 2004- December 31, 2004.
Quota hunt permit required during quota muzzleloader and modern gun deer hunts.

All non-quota hunting closed during quota deer hunts (except archery hunting on Kansas Lake Area).

Gun Deer

North and South Unit

November 13, 2004 - November 15, 2004
Quota hunt permit required. Limit one deer either sex.
Kansas Lake Area closed to all firearm deer hunting November 13-19. (see weapons)

North Unit

November 16, 2004 - November 19, 2004.
Refuge user brochure required. Limit one buck deer only. See deer bag limit section.

Muzzleloader Deer

North and South Unit

October 16, 2004 - October 18, 2004.
Quota hunt permit required. Limit one deer either sex.

North Unit

October 19-22, 2004
Refuge user brochure required. Limit one buck deer only. See deer bag limit below.

Deer Bag Limit

One deer limit refuge wide during muzzleloader season. October 16-22, 2004.

One deer limit refuge wide during modern gun season. November 13-19, 2004.

State bag limits apply for the archery season.

A legal buck on all refuge deer hunts is defined as a deer having a total of 4 points or less on both sides combined, including the main beams, OR have a minimum of 4 points on one side including the main beam. Points must be at least one inch long.

Youth Hunter under the age of 16 may take any buck as

their first buck, but must comply with the above legal buck criteria to harvest a second buck. Deer harvested on the refuge are not BONUS deer (exception: Cook’s Lake quota hunts for youth and the mobility impaired).

Duck

Duck hunting is permitted during the morning hours only. Retriever dogs are permitted. Only portable blinds are permitted. Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4:30 am. Blinds, blind material, and decoys must be removed from the refuge by 1:00 pm each day.

North Unit

Statewide duck season, and youth hunt days. Morning hunting only. Coot, geese and woodcock may be taken if in season.

South Unit

Every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday of the statewide duck season. Morning hunting only. Coot, geese and woodcock may be taken if in season. Designated area only.

Furbearer

North Unit

12:00 noon, November 16, 2004 - 12 noon, January 31, 2005. Horses may be utilized from sunset to sunrise only.

South Unit

12:00 noon, December 1, 2004 - 12 noon, December 15, 2004. Horses may be utilized from sunset to sunrise only.

North & South

Taking of a coyote is limited to rimfire weapons and shotguns.

Rabbit & Squirrel

North Unit

September 4, 2004 - January 31, 2005. Dogs are allowed December 1, 2004 - January 31, 2005. Open for the statewide spring squirrel season. No dogs allowed.

South Unit

September 4 - November 30, 2004. No dogs allowed.

Archery Turkey

North Unit

October 1, 2004- January 31, 2005. Quota hunt permit required during quota muzzleloader and modern gun deer hunts.

South Unit

October 1 - December 31, 2004 Quota hunt permit required during quota muzzleloader and modern gun deer hunts.

Spring Gun Turkey

North and South Unit

Same as state 2005 season for surrounding zone. Fall gun turkey season closed on all refuge lands.

Trapping

North Unit

November 16, 2004 - January 31, 2005. State regulations apply. Special Use Permit required.

South Unit

Closed

Bear season closed on all refuge lands!

Prohibited Acts

General

- Cutting, painting or defacing trees.
- Unleashed dogs if not actively hunting.
- Fires outside campgrounds.
- Littering (including, but not limited to shotgun shell hulls and cigarette butts).
- Operating a motor vehicle without a license (driver or vehicle).
- During waterfowl season, boating in south unit waterfowl hunt area, except from 4:30 am to 1:00 pm on hunt days.

Camping

- Camping in Kansas Lake Area.
- Loud noise in campgrounds after 10:00 pm, including generators.
- Campsites must be removed after 14 consecutive days, and campsites must be occupied daily.
- Leaving fires unattended.

Hunting

- Hunting with the aid of bait, salt or ingestible attractant.
- Use of dogs and/or horses other than specified in brochure.
- **Marking trails with materials other than bio-degradable paper flagging or reflective tape/tacks.**
- Use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Waterfowl hunting on Kansas Lake Area.
- Kansas Lake area closed to all firearm deer hunting November 13 - 19.
- Cutting of holes or other manipulation of vegetation or hunting in such areas.
- Possessing and/or using toxic shot by hunters using shotguns to hunt small game.
- All forms of man-deer drives.
- Firearm hunting from or across roadways, levees, and maintained utility rights-of-way. Exception: waterfowl may be hunted in these areas when flooded.

- Driving or screwing any object into a tree or to hunt from a tree in which an object has been driven or screwed.
- Leaving a hunt stand after a hunt season.
- Target practice.
- Loaded weapons in vehicle or boat while under power.

No person shall utilize the service of a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, organization or other person who provides equipment, services, or assistance on the refuge for compensation unless the guide, guide service, outfitter, club, organization or person has obtained a Special Use Permit from the refuge. It is your responsibility to verify that the guide, guide service, etc. has obtained the required Special Use Permit.

Hunting, taking, possessing, or attempting to take wildlife with an unauthorized guide, guide service, outfitter, club or organization providing assistance, service or equipment is prohibited.

Guiding and other commercial uses

No person, including but not limited to a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or other organization shall provide assistance, services, or equipment on the refuge to any other person for compensation unless such guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or other organization has obtained a Special Use Permit from the refuge. For the purpose of this regulation, any fee paid or services rendered to a person for lodging, meals, club membership or similar services will be considered compensation. A refuge Special Use Permit is also required for all other commercial activities (fishing, filming, photography, collecting acorns, etc.) on the refuge.

Camping

Camping is permitted year round on the North Unit (except the Kansas Lake Area and other areas listed below) and on the South Unit at Jacks Bay, Moon Lake, Hudson’s Landing, and the Floodgate campgrounds. All remaining campgrounds on the South Unit are open for camping from March 1 through December 15, except until December 31 for Prairie Lakes and Smokehouse Hill Campgrounds.

Camping is permitted only in designated campgrounds on the entire South Unit, on that portion of the North Unit located south of the Noram Gas Pipeline(see map) and on that portion of the North Unit south of U.S. Highway 79 between Roc Roe Bayou and the White River. Camping also permitted anywhere on remainder of the North Unit.

Down wood may be gathered for use at campsites. Campers are required to remove all of their trash from the refuge.